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Ice Harbor Dam north and south shore access road changes noted

Walla Walla, Wash. – Recreationists along the Snake River need to note changes to access roads on the north and south shores behind Ice Harbor Dam.

According to Park Ranger Jeanne Newton, the south shore is an area frequented by fishermen who may be caught behind the gate. The changes to access were made as part of the increased security that has closed access over the top of the dam and to the visitor center at Ice Harbor.

The access roads are known as Monument Drive on the south shore and on north shore it is Ice Harbor Road. The south shore road is used for fishing access and primitive camping. The closure of the north shore road will not affect access to the boat ramps in this area.

Corps park rangers are currently locking the gates in these areas, 5 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday through Friday. The area is closed to access on Saturday and Sunday.

Starting May 3, the gates will be closed 6 p.m. – 6 a.m., Monday through Friday. The area remains closed on the weekend.

Security has been increased since Sept. 11, 2001. Access to the dam is still restricted to official business only. The top of the dam remains closed to traffic.

For more information on recreational access, call the Natural Resources offices at Ice Harbor Dam at (509) 547-7781.

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